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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97

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Sir:

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, a copy of each of the listed references or relevant portion thereof is also enclosed.

STATEMENT OF RELEVANCE OF REFERENCES LISTED UNACCOMPANIED BY
ENGLISH TRANSLATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.98(A)(3)

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(3), the following concise explanation of the relevance of each listed reference that is not in the English language and unaccompanied by a translation into English is provided.

Dated this the 14th day of July 2006.

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